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**DEMAND FOR RESIGNATION OF  
CIA DIRECTOR RICHARD HELMS**

Mr. MORSE. Mr. President, this morning I issued a statement expressing the view that Richard Helms should resign as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of my statement be set forth at this point in my remarks.

There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

**STATEMENT BY SENATOR WAYNE MORSE WITH  
RESPECT TO CIA DIRECTOR RICHARD HELMS**

Mr. Richard Helms can best serve his country today by resigning his position as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Until he does, the American people cannot rest secure in the belief that the Agency is living up to its legal mandate not to operate within the United States or influence or participate in affairs within the United States.

Mr. Helms could hardly wait for confirmation before he twice intruded himself and the CIA in domestic politics and the business of the United States Senate. Taken alone, his letter of public praise to a newspaper for its editorial abuse of the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee concerning an issue that is the business of the Senate disqualifies him for further useful service in his present capacity.

Aside from the damage he has done to the relationship of the CIA with the Senate, he has served notice upon the American people that they must be on constant guard against the possibility and even the likelihood that the covert activities of the CIA have now been extended to the domestic affairs of our own country. If Mr. Helms has learned anything from this episode, he may be more careful to keep his name out of the papers. But the American people must be aware that the CIA is undertaking increasing activity within American education and the influencing of opinion through planted press stories and articles. We must assume that the letter signed by Mr. Helms to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat is only a small segment of what is going on that is unsigned or unrevealed as to its CIA source.

Not only must our Committee renew its insistence that it be represented in the surveillance of the Agency abroad; some arm of the Congress must determine what else CIA is doing within the United States to affect public opinion, public policy, and the outcome of elections.

Mr. MORSE. Mr. President, the statement speaks for itself and I stand on every word of it.